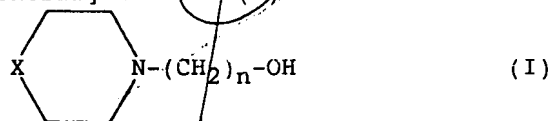


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in which X is [a] selected from the group consisting of [the formula] $(CH_2)_m$, [in which] wherein m is 0 [or 1] or 2, [or X is oxygen or] oxygen, S [or] and NR, [in which] wherein R is an alkyl group $[C_1-C_4]$ having from 1 to 4 carbon atoms, and n is 2 or 3.

2. (Amended) A process for preparing [the] a water soluble salt [of] comprising diclofenac (2-[(2,6-dichlorophenyl)-amino] benzeneacetic acid) [with] and a cyclic organic base having the [general] formula (I)



in which X is [a] selected from the group consisting of [the formula] $(CH_2)_m$, [in which] wherein m is 0 [or 1] or 2, [or X is] oxygen [or] S [or] and NR, [in which] wherein R is an alkyl group $[C_1-C_4]$ having from 1 to 4 carbon atoms, and n is 2 or 3, [characterized by] comprising dissolving the diclofenac in a suitable organic solvent, adding said cyclic organic base, reacting said compounds together, removing the solvent and crystallising the product obtained.

Claim 3, line 1, change "characterized in that" to --wherein--.

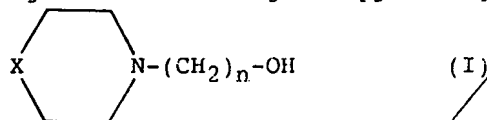
Claim 4, line 1, change "characterized in that" to --wherein--.

Claim 5, line 1, change "characterized in that" to --wherein--.

Claim 6, line 1, change "characterized in that" to --wherein--.

Claim 7, line 1, change "characterized in that" to --wherein--.

8. (Amended) [Pharmaceutical compositions] A pharmaceutical composition containing a therapeutically active [quantities] quantity of [the] a water soluble salt of diclofenac [with] and a cyclic organic base having the [general] formula (I)



in which X is [a] selected from the group consisting of [the formula] $(CH_2)_m$, [in which] wherein m is 0 [or 1] or 2, [or X is] oxygen, [or] S, [or] and NR, [in which] wherein R is an alkyl group $[C_1-C_4]$ having from 1 to 4 carbon atoms, and n is 2 or 3, together with a pharmaceutically acceptable [excipients] excipient.

9. (Amended) [Compositions] The composition as claimed in claim 8, [characterised by containing] wherein a quantity of the salt of diclofenac [with] and said cyclic organic base corresponding to 10-200 mg of diclofenac per unit dosage is present.

10. (Amended) [Compositions] The composition as claimed in claim 8, [characterised by being prepared] wherein said composition is in granular form and is packaged [into] in a water-impermeable sachet [sachets, to be dissolved in a little water to form a solutions for oral administration].

Please add new claim 11 as follows:

--11. The salt of claim 1 wherein X is $(CH_2)_m$ and m is

REMARKS

This Amendment amends claims 1-10, adds new dependent claim 11, and makes various editorial amendments to the specification. Claim 11 is fully supported by the disclosure of the